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SUBJ: OMNIBUS OUTER SPACE RES ADOPTED; OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE
(OSC) TO BE ENLARGED BY NINE

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1. AUSTRIANS DEC 10 AM OBTAINED SUPPORT OF NON-OSC
MEMBER ACTIVIST DELEGATIONS FOR ENLARGEMENT FORMULATION
AGREED UPON BY COSPONSORA (REF A PARA 4). INDONESIA,
JAMAICA, MEXICO, NIGERIA AND PAKISTAN BECAME COSPONSORS
OF RES REVISED ACCORDINGLY, AND SIERRA LEONE AND SUDAN
JOINED LIST JUST BEFORE DEC 10 PM FIRST CMTE VOTE. USSR
ASKED FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA ON
ENLARGEMENT AND, JOINED BY CUBA AND OTHER EES
EXKEPT ROMANIA (WHICH REMAINED COSPONSOR) AND GDR, VOTED
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AGAINST. GDR, WHICH OF COURSE EXPECTS TO JOIN OSC, AND

SOUTH AFRICA ABSTAINED. VOTE ON PARA WAS 77-9-2. VOTE ON RES AS WHOLE WAS 83-0-10 (USSR, EES LESS ROMANIA, CUBA).

2. IN LOW-KEY EXPLANATION OF VOTE, SOV DELOFF SMIRNOV SAID ENLARGEMENT QUESTION HAD HAD INADEQUATE STUDY, INCLUDING WITHIN OSC ITSELF; CMTE SO FAR UNABLE TO AGREE ON RECOMMENDATION TO GA AND SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO PRODUCE ONE. USSR THUS HAD CONSIDERED COSPONSRS' ORIGINAL FORMULATION, WHICH AFFORDED SUCH OPPORTUNITY, CORRECT. GDR EXPLAINED VOTE BRIEFLY ALONG SAME LINES, CONCLUDING, HOWEVER, WITH STATEMENT OF ITS PRESENT READINESS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN OSC'S WORK. SEVERAL DELS, E.G., INDONESIA AND ARGENTINA, URGED EXPEDITIOUS DESIGNATION OF NEW MEMBERS SO THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN CMTE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (WE UNDERSTAND KENYA, WHICH HAS STRONG EXPECTANCY FOR MEMBERSHIP, REFUSED TO COSPONSRES BECAUSE DESIGNATION DEADLINE NOT EARLY ENOUGH).

3. RE POSSIBLE PRC MEMBERSHIP, AUSTRIAN MISOFF TOLD US DELOFF AFTER VOTE THAT OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH HAD NOT YET RENEWED INQUIRY AS TO CHINESE INTEREST. HOWEVER, AUSTRIANS HAD RAISED MATTER WITH INDONESIANS AND PAKISTANIS, AND REACHED UNDERSTANDING THAT PRC WOULD NOT COUNT AGAINST ASIAN QUOTA FOR ENLARGEMENT UNDER PRESENT RES. AUSTRIAN MISOFF ADDED THAT COSPONSORS AGREED GENERALLY THAT QUESTION OF SUBSEQUENT PRC MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT LEAD TO REOPENING OVERALL ENLARGEMENT QUESTION.

4. INTERESTING FACET OF EMERGENCE OF ENLARGEMENT ISSUE WAS APPARENT DIVERSION OF SOVIET FOCUS FROM OP PARA ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS), WITH WHICH WE KNOW THEY WERE NONE TOO HAPPY. SOVIETS DID NOT MENTION DBS IN THEIR EXPLANATION OF VOTE, LEAVING IT TO CUBA TO STATE THAT IT HAD ABSTAINED ON GROUNDS THAT OSC AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAD NOT FULFILLED DIRECTIVE OF RES 2916 AND OP PARA OF PRESENT RES DID NOT CURE DEFICIENCY.

5. COMMENT: SOVDEL APPEARED DISCOMFITED BY MOSCOW VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH ORDAHONIDKIDZE TOLD AUSTRIANS WERE CONTRARY TO HIS RECOMMENDATION FOR ABSTENTION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENLARGEMENT PARA AND SUPPORT FOR RES AS WHOLE. THERE WAS GENERAL RELIEF ON COSPONSORS' PART THAT USSR ACTION DID NOT TRIGGER OPPOSITE REACTION BY THOSE NON-ALIGNED WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY MODEST SCALE OF ENLARGEMENT; IT WOULD APPEAR INDONESIA, PAKISTAN AND PERHAPS OTHERS DID SOME EFFECTIVE LOBBYING BEFORE VOTE TOOK PLACE.
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